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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : There should be some purpose served by recognizing these associations. We have examined the proposal, and we found that no purpose would be served by giving recognition to the Pensioners' Association.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : May I ask, Sir, in case recognition is being accorded, what the advantages which will accrue to the Association are?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : One thing will be that we will be periodically getting representations that pensions should be increased (laughter), and it would not be possible for us to increase the pension. Therefore, no useful purpose will be served by giving recognition.

SRI V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY : Is not recognition of the Association the same as in the case of a trade union? There, recognition means freedom of correspondence, and the Government are obliged to answer any statement that the organization may make. There is free correspondence between the Government and the Association. The Government are obliged to give satisfactory replies to the organization. Is this not so, Sir? In the case of trade unions, I have myself been corresponding with the employers, and they recognize the union and at once reply to us.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, I have been repeating that we have not recognized the Pensioners' Association.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Sir, could not the Finance Minister recognize this Association so that these retired officials will keep themselves in touch with the Finance Minister and the Finance Minister will keep in touch with them, without simply leaving them out once they retire? I say this in the Finance Minister's own interest. (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : It is not as it they are not keeping in touch with the Finance Minister even now. The only thing is that individual representations are made.

*Agitation before Murali Cafe in Triplicane*

* 20 Q.—SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) the number of volunteers of the Dravida Kazhagam arrested up to 31st December 1957 in connection with the agitation before Murali Cafe in Triplicane for the removal of the word 'Brahmin' from the name-board of the hotel; and

(b) the expenditure incurred on the Police in that connection?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) 962.

(b) No expenditure was incurred in connection with the agitation, but the Police provided the necessary bundobust to maintain law and order.

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SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Sir, is it not a fact that one or two lorries of Policemen were stationed day after day, and is it difficult for the Government to calculate the amount spent by the Police department?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : No extra Police was recruited for this purpose in the State and, therefore, there was no extra expenditure on this account.

SRI JOHN ASIRVATHAM : Sir, will Government consider taking deterrent action against those who preach class hatred and propagate communal differences?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Wherever Government find that people contravene the law, they take action. Regarding the quantum of punishment, it is for the courts to consider.

SRI A. M. ALLAPICHAI : Does the Police department keep the Government in touch with the speeches made by members of some Association, who believe in some kind of differences between communities and communities?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The Government do have information. They are quite in touch with these activities.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Sir, I understand on an average daily about 40 to 50 constables, head constables and Sub-Inspectors, are on duty for the whole day before Murali Cafe? Is it right for the Hon. Minister to say that no extra expenditure was incurred for services rendered by the Police?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, if the Police people were not on duty at the Murali Cafe, they would have been on duty at some other place. So, there was no extra expenditure.

*Reinstatement of teachers*

* 21 *Q*.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of cases from 1st January 1956 till date in which the managements of elementary schools in Tirunelveli and Ramanathapuram districts have failed to comply with the orders of Educational authorities for reinstatement of teachers whose services were terminated; and

(*b*) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government for the enforcement of such orders?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Tirunelveli—4; Ramanathapuram—2.

(*b*) The cases are being examined by the Divisional Inspector concerned and the Director of Public Instruction. Under the existing rules, such cases do not generally come to the Government.